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Banks.

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Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

D. Gillies, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....$ 6,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS...$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [8

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£350,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " ... 3½ "
" " " 3 " ... 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [31

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ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st April, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1897. [529

VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525, E.C.

AN EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 2nd April, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1897 [533

KUHN & KOMOR,
JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA
and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1896. [457

Insurances.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [28

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL.....£2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....£2,480,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA.....£ 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [74

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } $833,333.33.
EQUAL TO.....}
RESERVE FUND.....$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1885. [29

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [30

Intimations.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in LONDON recently, a FINAL DIVIDEND of 3 PER CENT. was Declared on the COMPANY'S PREFERENCE SHARES for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1896, making 6 PER CENT. in all. A Dividend of 6 PER CENT. for the same year was also Declared on the COMPANY'S ORDINARY SHARES.
DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on the 31st instant.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th to the 31st inst., inclusive.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [512

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

AN ISSUE of B shares at par is offered to the Registered Shareholders of the above COMPANY in the proportion of Seven shares for every fifty shares they hold. Every Shareholder on the Register on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of April next, will be entitled to an allotment of Seven B shares for every Fifty shares whether A or B registered in his Name. All applications must be made on forms for the purpose, which may be obtained at the OFFICE of the COMPANY on and after the 7th day of April next, and must be filled up and lodged with the Company on or before WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of April next, together with a Sum of TWO DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS for every share applied for as a First Instalment. A receipt will be given, which must be forwarded to the Company in exchange for SCRIP.
The SHARE REGISTER will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 7th April, to WEDNESDAY, the 14th April next, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
38-40, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [513

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1896, in order that the Distribution of BONUS may be arranged.
Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant will be adjusted by the Office, and no CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [385

Intimation.

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

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TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1893. [25

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON	*Ceylon*	J. R. Lendon, R.N.R.	About 3rd April.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	*Aden*	R. E. L. Hill, R.N.I.	About 3rd April.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
SHANGHAI	*Mirzapore*	J. F. Jephson	About 4th April.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	*Rosetta*	F. N. Tillard	Noon, 8th April.	See Special Advertisement
JAPAN	*Ancona*	W. D. Mudie	Noon, 9th April.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Candia*	G. K. Wright, R.N.R.	About 16th April.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Japan*	T. Leigh	About 29th April.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1897. [5

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AMAZON SPIRAL PACKING

AS USED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

THIS PACKING HAS GIVEN GREAT SATISFACTION WHEREVER USED.

$2.00 PER POUND.

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Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [25

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SOLE AGENTS:—
GANDE PRICE & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1897. [16

W. POWELL & CO.

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RE-FILLS, 10c. each.
BLANCO.—IS A SPECIAL PREPARATION FOR WHITENING WHITE SHOES, LEATHER GOODS, MILITARY ACCOUTREMENTS, &c., &c.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1897. [19



THE "HONGKONG BUTCHERY" COMPANY,
Nos. 11, 13 and 15, CENTRAL MARKET.

FRESH BEEF AND MUTTON
CORNED BEEF AND TONGUES
VEAL SAUSAGES.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1897. [116

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SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.
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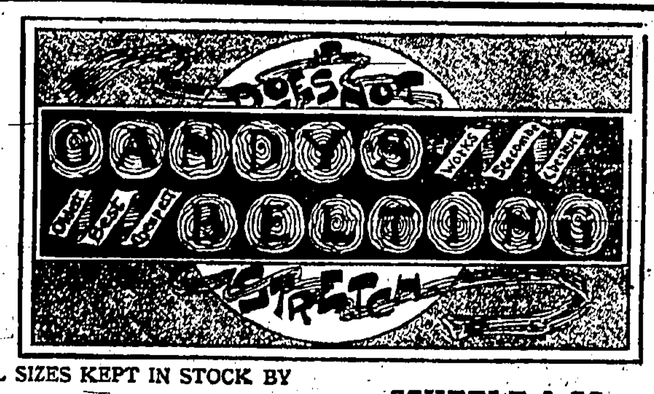
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FROM THE
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
NEW SOUTH WALES.
HOCK. CLARET.
CHABLIS & BURGUNDY.
ESTD. 1864.
TELEPHONE—75
CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
15, *Queen's Road,* *SOLE AGENTS.*
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1897 14

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FROM THE SPRINGS OF THE WELL-KNOWN NUNOBIKI WATERFALLS IN KOBE.

Analysed and pronounced by the IMPERIAL JAPANESE HYGIENIC LABORATORY OF OSAKA, to be effective in the treatment of CONSUMPTION, CHRONIC CATARRH OF THROAT and WIND PIPE, all complaints of LIVER, STOMACH and INTESTINE, RHEUMATISM, SUPERABUNDANCE OF BLOOD, &c.

APPLY TO
L. M. ALVARES & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS,
No. 17, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1897. [443



ALL SIZES KEPT IN STOCK BY
SCHEELE & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [383

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. pints.....$35 per case.
do. 1 doz quarts.....$33 do
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February 1897 [26

W. BREWER & CO.

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A LARGE STOCK AND GREAT VARIETY OF
LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S
TENNIS SHOES.
LADIES and GENTLEMEN'S
HOUSE SLIPPERS,
(VERY CHEAP.)
Hongkong, 5th March, 1897. [18

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

SOCIETY'S RE-UNIONS.

Continued Triumphant Success of the Most-travelled Entertainment in existence,

HUDSON'S SURPRISE PARTY.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!! TO-NIGHT!!!

ANOTHER GREAT AND GLORIOUS PROGRAMME,
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A symposium of sweet song and sustained screechers,
And such nice creatures in the show,
And the show is not "shoful,"
It's the best of its kind in Hongkong.
That's a big say, is it not?
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And the heart of the manager pulsates with a great joy.

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Box Plan at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.'s Music Warehouse.

Smiling at 9 P.M.

THOS. P. HUDSON.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [543

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony, Mr. D. MACDONALD has been appointed Acting ENGINEER SURVEYOR for the "BUREAU VERITAS."

JOHN W. KINGHORN.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [545

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [4

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLUS,"

Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 31st Instant, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [486

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HUNAN,"

Captain Frazer, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 31st Instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [534

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"

Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd April, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [547

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND TIENTSIN, VIA SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 2nd April, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [494

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"PAOTING,"

Captain Gyles, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 3rd April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [548

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA, (FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.

Having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA,

ALSO

VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD,

ALSO

BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"BISAGNO,"

Captain Mancini, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, at Noon.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [546

To-day's Advertisements.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 7 PER CENT. SILVER LOAN OF 1886, E.

21ST HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION on and after the 31st March, 1897.

Lists of Drawn Bonds can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
Agents issuing the Loan,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [546

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

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RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [370a

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than Three o'Clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

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BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 15th September 1896. 16

MARRIAGE.

At Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on the 2nd instant, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., MARGARET SLATER, to C. J. HOLLAND, all of Shanghai.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ABSURD PROPOSALS.

We hope there is no serious intention of wasting public money in sending to England for the Jubilee celebrations any portion of the local forces, whether strictly Colonial, like the Hongkong Regiment, or part of the Imperial Garrison, like the West Yorks. To send the Police is an absurdity. If a detachment of Volunteers could be sent home under charge of an officer to take part in the congratulations and thanksgiving at their own expense, or out of the Corps' funds, entirely under their own control or by means of a public subscription, it would be a graceful compliment and one that would do honour to the Colony; but that Police, or the Hongkong Regiment, or the Asiatic Artillery should be sent on such an errand would be no compliment and no credit. That would be done, and could only be done, by the order and authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. It would be his act and not the free and spontaneous act of the Colonists out of loyalty to the Crown. We don't want to manifest our loyalty "by command." Unless the Police are specially needed to assist in keeping order in London they are better here. They are in the Colony, but they don't belong to it. They are Colonial Office servants. Let us have a little proper pride, and, if we are to demonstrate at all at home, let us do it ourselves and at our own expense, and not out of the Treasury and under orders. The Australian colonies are independent. They have purely local forces raised and paid locally, independent of Downing Street. They cannot be told to go. What these Colonies may think fit to do is their own act. As regards Hongkong, if the Secretary of State says so many men are to be sent, they must go whether we like it or not, and our representatives in Council will protest in vain. We hope all hands will protest against any such proposals if made.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

FIGHTING IN CRETE.

LONDON, *March 28th.*

Severe fighting has taken place in the vicinity of Canea, where the insurgents captured a fort, pursuing and severely punishing the garrison, notwithstanding the shelling of the warships whose guns killed 200 insurgents.

MORE COERCION.

In view of the danger of fighting on the Thessalian frontier where the Turks and Greeks are facing each other, Great Britain has proposed to the Powers that collective pressure be brought to bear to induce the mutual withdrawal of the troops to a certain distance.

(From *Bangkok Observer.*)

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, *March 17th.*

All the Greek troops, with the exception of the Crown Prince's regiment, have gone to the frontier, and there is a conviction at Athens that war is inevitable.

France is sending 600 marines to Crete. The blockade has virtually begun, and if Greece remains obstinate the squadrons will blockade the Piræus, and probably Volo as well.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, *10th March.*

The plague mortality at Bombay is now reduced to about eight daily, and the total deaths from all causes is less in a similar ratio. The deaths at Karachi to date number over two thousand, and the disease is steadily spreading. Sukkur and Hyderabad (Sind) are officially declared to be infected. The plague at Poona, in spite of energetic measures, is slowly increasing. Surg.-Capt. Donnett, on special plague duty at the cantonment, is suffering from a mild attack of it. A few cases have also occurred at Mahableshwar.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

SHANGHAI, *March 25th.*

At a meeting held yesterday of the Directors of the Imperial Bank of China, the Power of Attorney to Mr. A. W. Maitland as Acting Chief Manager was duly signed. We learn also that the unallotted portion of the capital, Tls. 500,000, has been over-subscribed: Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, and Master have been appointed solicitors to the new Bank.—*N. C. Daily News.*

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Australian gold yield during 1896 amounted to 2,375,948 oz., showing an increase of 16,704 oz.

THE Hupeh Cotton Mill, at Hanyang, is reported to have made a profit of fifty thousand taels last year.

SIR Claude and Lady MacDonald passed through Tientsin on their way to Korea, *via* Chefoo, on the 19th inst.

THE Netherlands warship *Koningin Wilhelmina der Nederlanden* arrived at Shanghai on the 21st instant from Japan.

THE Korean Government has officially stated that it makes no objection to the Russo-Japanese Convention. How could it do otherwise?

THE Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath has been conferred upon Sir Robert Meade, late Permanent Under Secretary of the Colonial Office.

LI KUM, a Chinese woman, was sent to "the Retreat" for 4½ months with hard labour at the Magistracy this morning for stealing clothing and jewellery to the value of $60.

THE long-lost sailing ship *T. F. Oakes* has turned up at New York, 260 days out from Hongkong.

YANG JU, the retiring Minister to the United States, has been appointed to succeed Hsu Ching Cheng at St. Petersburg.

"CHINA'S SORROW" again! The Yellow River has burst its banks, causing terrible mortality and great destruction of crops and property.

THE band of the U.S. flagship *Olympia*, by the kind permission of Rear-Admiral F. McNair, will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow evening (31st inst.) during dinner.

FOR boarding the steamship *Bisagno* while under weigh in the harbour, Chiu Lum, a boarding-house runner, was to-day fined $50 with the alternative of 2 months' imprisonment.

IT is reported that the prohibition of the export of rice from Kwangtung to Macao has been removed, in deference to the representations made by the Portuguese Consul at Canton.

IF wealth is power, then Mr. McKinley should be able to carry through almost every project he undertakes, for there are no less than six millionaires in the McKinley Cabinet.

HSU CHING CHENG (the retiring Minister to Russia, Germany and Austria) has been appointed President of the Russo-Chinese Railways in North China. He will reside at St. Petersburg.

MR. WILLIAM OGILVIE, a Canadian Government surveyor, has been spending the winter at Fort Cudahy, on the Yukon, the most northerly British fort. He reports wonderful discoveries of gold in that district.

THE Lane Kung Mow Cotton Mill, Shanghai, commenced operations on the 22nd instant. The engines were started by Mrs. C. J. Dudgeon and Mrs. F. Anderson, who also christened the cylinders "Isabella" and "Sophia."

MR. EDWARD WINGFIELD, C.B., has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of State in the Colonial Department. Mr. Edward Fairfield, C.B., C.M.G. succeeds to the Assistant Secretaryship vacated by Mr. Wingfield.

AT Philadelphia, the owner of the filibustering steamer *Laurada* has been found guilty of setting on foot a military expedition against Cuba. The accused appealed for a new trial and was released, bail being fixed at $7,000.

IN the great billiard match between J. Roberts and W. J. Peall (24,000 up, spot barred) in which Roberts conceded Peall 12,000 start, Peall won by 310 points. The stakes were £1,010. Roberts put together 1,785 points in a single evening.

DREDGING in Brest Roads has led to the discovery off Grande Rivière, half a mile from the coast and at a depth of 40ft., of a frigate 150ft. long, pierced by numerous cannon balls. The vessel is believed to have been sunk by the English nearly 300 years ago.

WE read in our Kobe exchanges that the Japanese House of Peers has restored the amount of $17,070,740 by which the Budget Committee proposed to reduce the vote for naval construction and the amounts originally proposed by the Government were passed.

A SPECIAL thanksgiving service to commemorate the 60th year of the Queen's reign will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 22nd. The Queen will be present, and, to save Her Majesty the inconvenience and fatigue of ascending the steps to enter the Cathedral, the service will be held in the open air on the steps leading to the western entrance.

WE hear that several esteemed residents sallied forth on a pedestrian excursion to Kowloon proper on Sunday last. They got befogged and caused their friends great uneasiness until they turned up on Monday morning. They were expected back on Sunday. We have tried to find out who were missing, but are still waiting *till-it* is revealed who they were.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture	"La Circassienne"	Auber.
Four German Love Songs		Layard.
Selection	The Pirates of Penzance	Sullivan.
Valse	"Tendresse"	Waldteufel.
Siciliana	Cavalleria Rusticana	Mascagni.
Intermezzo		
Selection	"Die Meistersinger"	Wagner.

THE *Standard* says:—No expedition in West Africa since that against Coomassie a quarter of a century ago was so necessary as this against the King of Benin. One of the foulest dens of slaughter in one of the worst regions in Africa has now been closed. Our marines and protectorate forces have done a capital bit of work. The losses they have sustained are, no doubt, a painful set-off to the successful completion of a difficult and dangerous task.

THREE biographers have, it seems, set themselves the task of preparing lives of the late Sir Henry Parkes, and the publication of the first of these is announced, the author being Mr. Charles Lyne, who acted as private Secretary to Sir Henry for many years. Mr. Lyne gives some interesting facts which fell from Sir Henry when he was busy reading a life of Mr. Gladstone. Thus, when the late Radical leader was at Eton, the future Prime Minister of New South Wales was working on a rope-walk for 4d. a day, and when Mr. Gladstone was at Oxford young Parkes was breaking stones on the Queen's highway.

THE New York correspondent of the *Times* reports that about 40 American citizens are said to be now in prison in Cuba. It may be that these numbers are exaggerated, but it is clear that there are some Americans detained. One of those whose nationality is disputed, Mr. Ruis, has died, and his friends say that he was murdered in prison; the Spaniards say that he killed himself. He was at any rate cruelly treated, and perhaps driven to suicide, if not actually murdered. One account says that he was beaten to death. The United States Consul-General has demanded the immediate release of another American citizen, named Scull.

THE *China Gazette* states that a cablegram has been received in Kobe from New York stating that J. J. Corbett was beaten by Robert Fitzsimmons in the prize fight which took place at Carson, Nevada, recently, for the world's championship. Corbett was "knocked out" in the fourteenth round.

THE Cambridge University Syndicate, which was appointed in March, 1896, to consider the question as to whether women should be admitted to University degrees, on the 1st March presented the result of its deliberations. The majority reports in favour of the admission of women to degrees on conditions similar to those in the case of degrees conferred upon men.

A CHINESE constable went on board a ferry launch bound for Shau-ki-wan with a box containing his belongings. The launch stopped at Hunghom to land passengers and at this stage the constable discovered that his box was stolen. Turning round he saw a coolie, Lang Chun, making away with it. He at once took him into custody with the result that he was this morning awarded 3 months' hard labour.

THERE is no sign of the Surprise Party's popularity waning yet, nor is there any likelihood of it doing so as far as we can judge. The Theatre Royal was filled again last night, and the programme gave the utmost satisfaction. The songs (comic and sentimental), dances, sketches and specialities were applauded to the echo and recalls were numerous. To-night a new programme will be produced in the presence of His Excellency the Governor and suite, and the burlesque "Trilby" will be repeated by special request.

THE annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co. was held on the 22nd instant, Mr. E. F. Alford presiding. The report and accounts were adopted and passed. The Directors were authorised to pay a final dividend for the year 1896 at the rate of Tls. 4½ per share. Messrs. A McLeod, J. L. Scott, E. A. Probst, A. Korff, E. A. Hewett, in conjunction with the senior representative of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. in Shanghai, were elected Directors for the current year; and Messrs G. R. Wingrove and C. W. Wrightson were re-appointed the auditors of the Company with a remuneration of Tls. 700.

THE way in which the pipe-laying operations are being carried on in Queen's Road Central certainly does not show much consideration on the part of those concerned for the public safety. In the first place the sections opened up are altogether too long, and secondly the lighting of the excavations at night by miserable little lamps is altogether inadequate. Probably when some leading member of the community sends in a bill for some thousand dollars as compensation a better state of affairs will 'come into vogue. As it is at present, the matter is one that is a positive menace to those whose business takes them abroad at late hours.

JUDGMENT was delivered at the Supreme Court yesterday in Original Jurisdiction in the action Jardine, Matheson & Co. v. Agha Mahomed Ally Shirazee. It was a claim by plaintiffs, as local Agents for the Imperial Bank of Persia, for $7,364.04 on two bills of exchange, and Messrs. J. J. Francis, Q.C. and H. E. Pollock (instructed by Messrs Deacon & Hastings) appeared for plaintiffs. Defendant for many years had carried on business as an opium merchant here and had purchased large quantities of raw opium from Persia. During the six years previously he had purchased the opium through an agent in Shiraz, Persia, named Mahomed Reza, whose custom was to ship the opium through the Imperial Bank of Persia. He admitted having signed the documents, but said he had received no consideration for signing the same. His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs, with costs, which includes the costs of the hearing, and interest on the principle at the rate of eight per cent., from the issue of the writ on June 8th, 1895.

THE ready manner in which the Japanese make themselves acquainted with Western methods is known, and a London daily calls attention to the fact as follows:—A Japanese manufacturer recently visited Germany for the purpose of inspecting some needle factories, but he was much disappointed to find that he was everywhere refused admission. The German manufacturers candidly told him that it would be inimical to their interests to allow Japanese manufacturers to learn their trade secrets in order that they might subsequently compete with the German industry. It is interesting to note that several German steel and iron firms, shipbuilders and engine constructors have formed a syndicate in order to supply the Japanese Government with every kind of material connected with their industries at such low prices that neither the Japanese themselves nor any other European manufacturers may be able to compete with them. In order to carry out this project with the greater certainty, the syndicate have associated with them two or three Japanese capitalists.

THIS afternoon a pretty little brigantine-rigged composite gunboat, the *Chün Yeung*, arrived here from Canton under the command of Captain Kwok Lun Yip. She belongs to the Canton gunboat flotilla and although of about 30 years of age is a fine serviceable looking little vessel, with a measurement of 250 tons. She is of English build and was engined by Blyth, of London. Her speed is of an average 8 knots. The little craft, which is in a state of cleanliness that would be a credit to even the English navy, is manned by 40 men and her armament consists of two 9-pr. Krupps in either waist, two 1 in. 4 barrel Nordenfeldts forward and on the stern are two 10 barrel 50 cal. Gatlings and a 6-pr. Armstrong. The small arms are Martini-Henrys. There are no less than five roomy boats on the davits and the engine-room and foc'sle are both roomy and well ventilated. Capt. Lun Yip is certainly to be complimented on the splendid trim in which he has brought his staunch little vessel into port. The latest steering gear is found on the bridge in the wheel house and, altogether, despite her age, the *Chün Yeung* presents an excellent example of what a gunboat should be. She was flying a red and blue "joss" flag at her main and her Captain's flag (a tricolour) at the fore at the time the *Telegraph* reporter boarded her. We understand that she is to cruise about the coast also leaving Hongkong.

MISS HAGGOOD'S pianoforte performance at the Theatre Royal last night was marked in a graceful manner by the presentation of a handsome bouquet by an American bluejacket. The fair artiste acknowledged the tribute most feelingly amidst the warmest enthusiasm.

IT is strange to note what a very different appearance the addition of a coat of white paint has given to the old *Tamar*. Formerly, when painted red, she had the look of a long low rakish craft with a very moderate beam, now in her white garb she appears to be of the lofty and broad build of the old wooden battleships. A curious effect was witnessed a few days ago, as, only one side of the ship having been painted, she had two separate appearances as she swung to the tide, and it was hard to believe that the red and white ships were one and the same.

THE *China Gazette* learns from a reliable source that neither the naval nor the military agents of Russia in the Far East are the least apprehensive about the situation in South-eastern Europe, and doubtless they have good reason for holding their present belief that the storm will pass over without breaking, as it has done so often before. They do not expect war, and the *Gazette* is inclined to place a great deal of reliance upon their conviction which is doubtless founded upon reliable "information received." It is certainly highly desirable from their point of view that they should be kept correctly informed out here of the views held in the Asiatic Department of St. Petersburg.

FROM a press-copy of a letter received at this office at 5.45 p.m. to-day, addressed by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to the Shanghai Chamber, we gather that the local Chamber has declined to go into the question of the grounds which the Government may have for levying excessive light dues for the purposes of revenue, and points out that the Hongkong Chamber is contending, first for the redemption of an explicit pledge, and secondly for the broad principle of the maintenance intact of the freedom of the port. It is to be hoped the Shanghai Chamber will cease to ask for further information of an irrelevant nature and at once "chip in" with us in the pursuance of a policy that must benefit the vast shipping trade of this port.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a monthly meeting of the general committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held in the Chamber Room on the 29th March, at 11.15 a.m.—Present: Messrs. A. McConachie (Chairman), H. Smith (Vice-Chairman), J. J. Bell-Irving, R. M. Gray, St. C. Michaelsen, N. A. Siebs, Hon. T. H. Whitehead and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. R. M. Gray, having accepted the invitation to rejoin the Committee, took his seat.

THE LIGHT DUES.

Read letter from Singapore Chamber, dated 18th February, in acknowledgment of Chamber's circular letter of 28th January and enclosures on the subject of the Light Dues, expressing sympathy with the views of this Chamber.

Also read letter from Shanghai Chamber, dated 25th February, also in acknowledgment of circular letter of 28th January, asking to be "more fully informed regarding all the circumstances" before supporting the protest.

Resolved, to reply to effect that the Chamber did not wish Shanghai Chamber to go into details; it was a question of principle affecting the freedom of the port on which they had asked co-operation.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAPH CODE VOCABULARY.

Read letter from General Post Office, dated London, 25th January, announcing that the Director of the International Telegraph Office at Berne had consented to extend the date for reception of private codes to 31st March. Letter was acknowledged on the 1st March and copies sent to local Press.

—HONGKONG AND THE POSTAL SUBSIDY.

It was announced that two meetings of the sub-Committee appointed to consider this question had been held, and, as one result, a letter was received on the 12th inst. from the Government substituting an amended calculation by the local Postmaster-General showing an estimate, on the mileage basis, of £11,896, instead of £17,367 first arrived at, as this Colony's share of the subsidy. The sub-Committee are considering certain returns and figures supplied by the Postmaster General, but need others they have been unable to obtain.

OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER TO TRADE.

The letter of the Colonial Secretary enclosing copy of the despatch from H.E.M.'s Minister at Peking to H.E. the Governor announcing the conclusion of a Convention under which the Chinese Government undertake to open the West River to foreign trade and navigation (already supplied to the Press) was laid on the table, with reply acknowledging receipt of same.

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

The results of the examination in music held on January 16th in the City Hall have just been officially declared, and the following is a list of the successful candidates:—

THEORY OF MUSIC.

Miss Lilian B. Crawford ... "Associate in Music." (A. Mus. L.C.M.)

SENIOR PASS SECTION.

Emil Danenberg First Class.

JUNIOR PASS SECTION.

D.—Edward S. Ford First Class.

ELEMENTARY SECTION.

Margaret Klinck First Class.

PIANO-FORTE PLAYING.

ADVANCED SENIOR SECTION.

Emil Danenberg 1st Class.

INTERMEDIATE SECTION.

D.—Edward S. Ford 1st Class.
Judith Danenberg 2nd Class.

ELEMENTARY SECTION.

V.—Evelyn Lewis 1st Class Honours.
D.—Charles E. Hastings 1st Class Honours.
* Alfred E. Humphreys 1st Class Honours.
* Cecil Humphreys 1st Class.
Frank M. L. Crawford 1st Class.
* M. A. Hyndman 1st Class.
V.—Mary Palmer 2nd Class.
* Maria Rocha 2nd Class.
D.—W. J. Clerihew 2nd Class.

Those marked "D" are pupils at the Diocesan Schools, and were taught by Mrs. Piercy; those marked "V" are pupils at the Victoria English School, and taught by Miss L. Lawrence; those marked * were prepared by Mrs. E. Danenberg.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL.

The following letter has been forwarded to the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary :—

Hongkong, March, 1897.

SIR—In response to the invitation of the Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to make arrangements for celebrating the completion of the 60th year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, I beg to suggest, for the consideration of the Committee, that the most appropriate permanent memorial in this Colony would be a Hospital for Women, with a Training Institute for Nurses in connection therewith.

There is perhaps nothing in which progress has been more marked during the Queen's reign than in the care and treatment, and especially the nursing, of the sick. In recent years hospitals, both general and special, have been multiplied in the Mother Country and in her Colonies, and attention has been more and more directed to the provision of trained nurses for the requirements of all classes of the community. It may safely be said that in Her Majesty's dominions there are few, if any, cities or towns of 200,000 which do not number among their charitable institutions a Hospital for Women and a Training Institute for Nurses.

It must be admitted that we have not in this Colony kept pace with the progress of the times in these respects. No special provision is made for the treatment of the diseases of women and children. There is no system in operation for the examination and granting of certificates of competency to midwives. The case is nearly as bad with regard to the question of competent nursing for the sick. With the limited staff available it is difficult for a well-to-do European to make sure of obtaining the services of a trained and efficient nurse. It is practically impossible for a poor person, and especially for a poor Chinese person, to do so. Yet a little reflection will show that there must be a large number of women in this Colony who would be benefited, either directly or indirectly, by the establishment of a Hospital for Women. It is still more evident that an institution for the training and providing of skilled nurses would, in a very material degree, promote the welfare and alleviate the sufferings of all classes of the community.

Having regard to the character of the Queen and to her great and never failing sympathy for the wants and sorrows of her subjects, I submit that no memorial of her record reign could be more appropriate in a personal sense or more pleasing to Her Majesty than that which I have ventured to indicate, and there are excellent precedents on which to rest this opinion. In 1887 it was by the Queen's express wish that the greater portion of the offerings made by her women subjects in celebration of her jubilee of that year was devoted to the foundation and endowment of the Queen Victoria Institute for nurses—an institution specially intended for the providing of trained nurses for the poorer classes. In India, I believe I am right in saying, during the same year and by way of commemorating the same jubilee, the Marchioness of Dufferin established the Dufferin Fund for the purpose of furnishing competent medical aid to the women of that country. In the present year the principal, and it may also be said the national, mode of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee is the establishment, under the auspices of the Prince of Wales, of a fund for the better and more permanent endowment of the London Hospitals.

At present it does not appear to be necessary to do more than indicate the general outline of the scheme which I am submitting for the consideration of the Committee. These outlines are as follow :—

(1.) The Hospital and the Institute to be contiguous to one another; to be erected at some convenient site on the higher ground of the City; and to be under European management.

(2.) The Hospital to contain beds; to be confined to surgical and non-infectious medical cases; to have a lying-in ward; and to admit a limited number of children. Europeans and the wealthier Chinese would gladly pay, I am sure, any suitable charges fixed.

(3.) The Institute to have accommodation, including board and lodging for resident nurses, to provide teaching and training, where necessary, for them, also for non-resident women under special circumstances, to supply nurses for paying patients at a reasonable tariff of charges and gratuitously for the poor, and to be under the supervision of an experienced matron.

(4.) The nurses to be of different nationalities. Chinese women are gentle and patient and do, in my experience, with adequate training, make excellent nurses.

(5.) A system of training midwives to be worked in connection with the Institute, when competent candidates should receive certificates, which should be recognised by law.

One of the incidental advantages of carrying out these proposals would probably be that suitable occupation would be found for a certain number of young Eurasians, of the clever and bright women who at present find it difficult or impossible to make an independent livelihood and whose lot is usually a very sad one. Further, it may be hoped that nurses trained at the Institute will gradually go into the nearer provinces of the mainland, and help to spread amongst the Chinese one of the distinctive blessings of Western civilisation.

In conclusion, I think it may fairly be urged that the pride and thankfulness with which we all regard the life and work of our gracious Sovereign and her marvellous reign cannot find a more fitting or more beneficent outcome than the inauguration of a scheme which will help materially to increase the comfort and health and consequently the happiness of her loyal people in this colony. It may not be out of place for a woman to add that it seems suitable that a woman's reign should be commemorated by something associated with women's work.

The short time allowed has made it impossible to prepare and send this letter to be read and signed by the ladies of the Colony, but I enclose a *resume* of the above scheme which I have endeavoured to circulate, and also a list of those who were willing to give their names and support.

Your obedient servant,

A WOMAN.

THE RACQUET TOURNAMENT 1897.

The Double Handicap and Championship have now reached the final and semi-final heats respectively.

In the Double Handicap's semi-final tie :

Commander Sir R. K. Arbuthnot, R.N. / Lieut. Shelford, R.N. } Receiving 6 points.

beat

Lieut. James, R.N. / C. C. Platt } Scratch.

and

Lieut. Bradshaw, R.N. / Commander the Hon. G. A. Hardinge, R.N. } Scratch.

beat

Colonel Gordon, W.Y.R. / M. D. Wood, W.Y.R. } Owing 4 points.

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Commander Sir R. K. Arbuthnot, R.N. / Lieut. Shelford, R.N. } Receiving 6 points.

against

Lieut. Bradshaw, R.N. / Commander the Hon. G. A. Hardinge, R.N. } Scratch.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

For the semi-final tie :

M. De Mond, W.Y.R. plays Lieut. Bradshaw, R.N.

Colonel Gordon, W.Y.R. plays F. H. Fallon, W.Y.R.

SINGAPORE LEADING AS USUAL!

From Singapore files received to-day we learn that at a meeting of the Singapore Legislative Council, held on the 18th instant, the Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution :—"Whereas the Municipalities of the Town of Singapore, George Town, Penang, and the Town and Fort of Malacca have voted the sums of $5,000, $4,000 and $1,000, respectively for the purpose of celebrating the completion of the 60th year of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen: And whereas it is desirable that like sums should be voted by the Government for the same purpose in each of the Settlements of Singapore, Penang and Malacca: It is hereby resolved that a sum not exceeding $10,000 be set apart from the general revenue of the Colony for the above purpose, and that this expenditure be provided for in the Final Supply Bill for 1897." The hon. member said that preparations were already far advanced in Singapore, and, he believed, in Penang and Malacca, for the celebration of this unique event, and he had every reason to believe that the celebration would be one worthy of the Colony and of the event. The motion was then seconded and carried unanimously.

The foregoing facts make it clear that, as usual, the Straits Settlements are far ahead of Hongkong. We have, as yet, only reached the idea stage, and even suggestions for a suitable method of celebration appear to be slow in making their appearance. Could not a leaf be taken from Singapore's book and arrangements be pushed ahead a little quicker? If not, we shall be obliged to postpone our celebration till next year or spread it over a considerable period, like the Praya Reclamation scheme.

THE NEWCHWANG-ONWO COLLISION.

An action was brought in the Supreme Court (in Admiralty) at Shanghai on the 24th instant by the owners of the *Newchwang* against the owners of the *Onwo* and others. It arose out of the decision of the Court on the 8th of December last, which found each vessel equally to blame for the collision on the 30th of April, 1896. Mr. W. A. C. Platt (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. W. V. Drummond and Mr. McNeill (Messrs. Dowdall and Hanson) for the owners of the *Onwo*, whilst Mr. Drummond also represented nearly all the life claimants.

The plaintiffs' petition said that the claims in respect of the loss of the *Onwo*, the loss of life, and personal injury, and of the goods, merchandise, and personal effects or other things on board her at the time of the collision would exceed the aggregate amount of £15 per ton on the gross registered tonnage of the *Newchwang*. The sum of £8 per ton was £6,750.16s and £7 per ton in respect of claim for loss of life or personal injury amounted to £5,906.19s. The plaintiffs therefore prayed for a declaration that the amount for which the plaintiffs are liable in respect of loss of life or personal injury either alone or together with loss or damage to ship's boats, merchandise, and personal effects or other things is Tls. 83,229 3 in Shanghai sycee silver and no more, and that the amount for which the plaintiffs are liable in respect of loss or damage to ship's boats, merchandise, and personal effects or other things is £6,750.16s. and no more.

The defendants in their answer asked that the amount which the plaintiffs might be ordered to pay into Court should be paid in sterling or at the rate of exchange on the day when the money was paid into Court, and that interest should be paid on such sum from the date of the collision until payment at the rate of 7 per cent per annum.

There was a good deal of argument between Mr. Drummond and Mr. Platt and then the Judge said that all claims would have to be filed before the 30th of April. He would reserve judgment, and he thought he must allow 7 per cent. interest.

BANK OF ENGLAND FORGERIES.

EXTRAORDINARY STORY.

LONDON, February 24th.

The *Daily Mail* says the authorities of the Bank of England are engaged in endeavouring to unravel one of the most daring and successful forgeries of their notes that has been perpetrated during the past quarter of a century. The forgeries are confined to £10 notes, and some £10,000 is, so far as has at present been ascertained, involved. The seriousness of the forgery is aggravated because the notes are printed on paper which cannot, even by experts, be differentiated from the genuine Bank of England paper; and the notes can only be pronounced forgeries when individually checked at the Bank by Bank officials able to refer to the Bank's confidential books as regards the secret cypher marks of the notes. About five weeks ago two £10 Bank of England notes passed through the hands of one of the cashiers at the chief branch of the Bank. The cashier, though never for a moment doubting the genuineness of the notes, happened to formally check their validity by referring to certain books. He was astounded to find that the secret cypher marks were wanting on both, and though the letterpress, printing, and signature of the head cashier were perfect, and, more extraordinary still, the very paper itself was of the same texture and quality as genuine notes in circulation, yet he had no other course left but to pronounce the two notes forgeries.

THE DETECTIVES AT WORK.

The Governor of the Bank and Messrs. Freshfield, its solicitors, were at once communicated with. Prompt steps were taken. The Treasury and Scotland Yard were communicated with, and since then the private staff of detectives of the Bank, the detectives of the City Police, those of Scotland Yard have been untiring in their efforts to find the source of the forgeries. No fewer than 40 detectives are at present conducting investigations. Some are in Liverpool and other big cities throughout England. Others are in Paris and Vienna, and various Continental centres. This much has been ascertained:—The notes, bearing dates in January of this year, are perfect specimens, and defy identification except by a Bank of England expert, with his private books of reference. They have been printed in Vienna. The gang of forgers is a large one. In January the notes were suddenly put in circulation by being exchanged all in one day at 25 Bureaux-de-Change in Paris, simultaneously, a circumstance indicating that there are at least 25 members in the gang. About 1,000 notes are in circulation, and of this number a good many have already been presented at the Bank of England. The further intention of the gang is, it is surmised, to pass more of these forged notes during the approaching racing season in England.—*Globe.*

BRITISH INTERESTS IN CHINA.

Over the signature "Lau Tai Wan" the following interesting and remarkable letter is published in a recent issue of the *London and China Express*:—

SIR,—It is an encouraging sign during this critical condition of our most vital interests in the Far East that the affairs of China, with regard to Western nations, are being brought prominently before the public by most able writers in our magazines, reviews, and journals. During the present month the *Contemporary* contains an admirable article by Mr. Henry Norman, "Down the Long Avenue," and another on "The Russo-Chinese Treaty," by an anonymous writer. To *Blackwood* Mr. Michie has contributed "The Chinese Oyster," and *The Times* Special Correspondent in the Far East continues his articles in the form of an excellent critique on "The Mission of Li Hung-chang and its Sequel."

Let us hope that all these timely warnings and sound advice so patriotically given may have the same good effect in arousing Englishmen to a due sense of their responsibilities and interests in the Chinese Empire as the writings of talented pamphleteers and journalists have accomplished with regard to the question of strengthening our Navy.

Mr. Norman, although—as he avows himself to be—pessimistic, seems to have most thoroughly grasped the whole subject. If the experience gained by him during his tour in the Far East three or four years ago, and given to the public in his book, had been availed of by our statesmen, there can be little doubt that Great Britain would still be the predominating Power in China.

Mr. Michie states, with truth, that hitherto our "solid interests in China" have been but imperfectly recognised by the general public; he might have added that they have been scarcely realised at all by our statesmen of either Party. Certainly with our Foreign Office, our Ministers at Peking, Consuls in China, as well as by the people at home, attention has been too much turned "to quaintness of custom or costume, to superstitions, cruelties, corruption, and things useful to put a spice into newspaper paragraphs, while the real live things has been ignored.

To the British official mind in the Far East China has been chiefly interesting as a field of study, in which to gain a literary distinction by learned works on the language or philosophies of the "black-haired race."

But, as Mr. Michie observes, "the China" on which the feeding and clothing of our working-classes must increasingly depend is "the peaceable, law-abiding, *clothes-wearing*, industrious, frugal millions, whose willing muscles are a mine of wealth to themselves *and indirectly to us*." "A tithe of the energy spent by us on exploration amongst savages would have brought China near to our hearts and homes; a percentage of the good seed scattered in the howling wilderness would, if sown in the arable land" (until four or five years ago virtually in our own hands), "have yielded rich harvests to *our workers*."

This is a simple fact, and yet, while we are prepared to go to any expense, and to brave France and Russia, for the subjugation of the Soudan (in the interests of a country which we are pledged to ultimately give up), we view with apathy these Powers gradually depriving us of our political and commercial influence over more than three hundred millions of Chinese; those millions who under our influence might be rendered invaluable as contributors to the existence and prosperity of our working-classes, who now hold the government of this Empire in their hands.

Mr. Michie scarcely seems to realise our present position when he depreciates the importance of England being able and desirous to take her share in the partition of the Celestial Empire, which partition, he admits, has already begun; he rather recommends our entering a preponderance of the trade to be developed in China by railways and other improvements. I submit that to expect to retain a commercial superiority, if we neglect to take our share in the territorial partition, is unreasonable. Experience teaches us that the advance of France and Russia will be chiefly utilised for the detriment of British commerce. The writer on "The Russo-Chinese Treaty" gives most interesting information as to the diplomacy which patriotic Russians have successfully carried out for the benefit of *their countrymen*. The treaty, however, is now a fact, with all its possible and probable injury to our interests and prestige, and has doubtless practically existed since we first heard of it twelve months ago. We of all people should have been prepared to meet this danger, as we have had enough experience that when a fairly authenticated rumour of Russia's diplomatic encroachments has been followed by an official *dementi*, the rumour has always proved to contain a fact.

Mr. Chirol dwells chiefly on the corruption of Chinese officialdom, which, however interesting to those who do not know Chinese affairs, can have little bearing on the position of Great Britain in the Far East. Mr. Norman hits the nail on the head when he points out our fatal mistake in not coming to an understanding with Russia, when we occupied a favourable position, while we have supinely allowed the Tsar to become not merely the protector but the real ruler of China.

Whether China be progressive or retrogressive, her officials pure or corrupt, her intercourse with Western Powers is *now* entirely in the hands and under the control of Russia, backed up by France, and foolishly encouraged by Germany through insane jealousy of England.

Whether we seek to share in the partition of the Empire, or demand a share of its commerce proportionate to our rights and absolute needs, we can only obtain our desires by showing the Peking Government that we have navel and military strength sufficient to enforce our just demands, and that we are more to be dreaded than France and Russia combined.

Even when our prestige was at its highest, our diplomatists have seldom been anything but children in the hands of those feeble but wily old men of the Tsung-li Yamên, and have never maintained any right, or secured any privilege or advantage, except when the Peking authorities have come to the conclusion that an admiral was behind the British Minister waiting and anxious to enforce his demands. What can we hope from mere diplomacy at a time when the Chinese Ambassador-elect, Lo Fêng-loh, is reported to have expressed his opinion that Great Britain is played out, that Russia and China can conquer the world? It is very certain that we have no chance of getting either territory or facilities of trade in China unless our Government, forced by the people of Great Britain, shall take the necessary steps to prove that this is the fallacious opinion of a young man utterly ignorant of the world, and spoilt by a thin veneer of Western civilisation.

(To be continued.)

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Famine Relief Fund begs to acknowledge receipt of the undernoted subscriptions :—

Already acknowledged	$49,166.53
Collection in St. John's Cathedral	250.
J. M. Armstrong	15.
George Weller	10.
A. & R.	5.
Total to date	$49,446.53

SHIPPING AFFAIRS.

The following question was put to the President of the Board of Trade in the House of Commons, on foreign ships in British ports, on the 23rd February. Mr. Ritchie's response is subjoined :—

MR. W. F. LAWRENCE—I beg to ask the President of the Board of Trade, is he aware that it is alleged by the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association in their Annual Report for 1896, that vessels that have been transferred from the British to a foreign flag are sailed in and out of British ports for dead more deeply than they could have been loaded under the British flag :

And, what steps do the Board of Trade propose to take with a view of securing to British shipping the right to compete on equal terms with foreign shipping in the ports of the United Kingdom?

MR. RITCHIE—I have seen the allegations to which my hon. friend refers. Every effort is made by the Board of Trade to secure equal treatment under the law for British and foreign ships in the matter of loading at ports in the United Kingdom. In 1896 forty foreign ships were detained in our ports for overloading, as against eleven British, and for bringing in deck loads in contravention of the law seven foreign ships were proceeded against as compared with only one British. I will cause every case which is brought under my notice to be carefully considered, but I am advised that the present law is not inadequate so far as overloading of foreign ships leaving our ports is concerned.

The following further question was put to the President of the Board of Trade, who replied characteristically as follows :—

MR. WARR—I beg to ask the President of the Board of Trade whether he is aware that, as stated by the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association in their Annual Report for 1896, a foreign vessel embarking only cabin passengers in this country is exempt from all the regulations applicable to British emigrant vessels, even although such foreign vessel may be carrying emigrants on the voyage upon which such cabin passengers are carried :

Whether the German Emigrant Regulations permit of 30 per cent. more emigrants being carried with 40 per cent. less boat accommodation than is permitted by the British Regulations :

And, whether the Board of Trade are prepared to take such steps, so far as British ports are concerned, as will enable British shipowners to compete on equal terms with foreign shipowners using such ports, and to enforce on foreign vessels such regulations as are deemed necessary according to the British Regulations to ensure the safety of the passengers carried from this country?

MR. RICHIE—I am aware of the statements in the report to which my hon. friend refers, and I am advised that the effect of the law is as stated in his question. I have no authentic information with regard to the present German Emigrant Regulations as compared with our own. The Board of Trade have no power under the existing law to interfere with a foreign emigrant ship unless she takes emigrants from a port in the United Kingdom, and as at present advised I am not prepared to propose an alteration of the law on the subject. With reference to the last question put to me by my hon. friend I have to say that I see great difficulty in applying to the ships of foreign nations without their consent the regulations which we consider in this country to be desirable in the interests of safety.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

A PUBLIC DANGER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—Knowing that your columns are always at the disposal of those who have a just grievance to ventilate, I am sure you will allow me space in which to draw attention to a very serious matter and one affecting the safety of a large number of European and Chinese citizens. The buildings to the eastward of and adjoining the French Orphanage on the Praya East are in process of demolition and the way in which the work is being carried out is simply disgraceful. Every few minutes an avalanche of bricks or heavy pieces of stone or mortar are launched into the middle of the road from a good height above, any one of the pieces being sufficient to injure if not kill a passer-by. There is a boarding, it is true, around the place but its position is such as to render it useless. If this is not a matter for the police to look after, I should like to know who are the responsible officers. The thoroughfare is an extremely busy one and I hope to see some steps taken to secure the public safety ere an accident and the inevitable claim for damages ensues.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours, etc.,

AN ESCAPEE.

Hongkong, March 30th 1897.

THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

[*Saturday, 27th March, 1897.*]

NOTIFICATIONS.

No. 107.—Notifies that Her Majesty has not been advised to exercise Her power of disallowance regarding the Ordinances dealing with the defence contribution and the Public Service vote for 1897.

No. 108.—Contains a despatch from the Secretary of State to the effect that an arrangement has been entered into by the Republics of Honduras, Nicaragua, and Salvador, under which the three Republics will form a single political entity for the exercise of their sovereignty abroad, under the name of "The Greater Republic of Central America," and will be represented by a Diet composed of three Members chosen by each of the Legislatures.

No. 109.—Publishes the proceedings at the last meeting of the Sanitary Board.

No. 110.—Contains the new Prison Regulations, noticed elsewhere.

No. 111.—Publishes the new Rules and Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council regarding the Storage of Petroleum in bulk.

No. 112.—Gives notice that Artillery practice will take place from April 5th to 15th, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily from Belchers and Lyemun Batteries.

No. 113.—Contains a notice to mariners that the Kiukwasan Light on the coast of Japan has been damaged and its range has been reduced.

The *Gazette* also contains the usual list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Telegraph Co.'s offices; the Post Office list of *poste restante* correspondence, and list of letters, etc., for merchant vessels.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer	30.059
Thermometer	62.0
Humidity	85.
Rainfall	4.08 inches.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.94	29.84
Thermometer	74	73
Humidity	86	89
Rainfall		

Tuesday, 30th March, 1897.

Chinese.—*28th of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*

(Tsing Ming, or Tomb Festival.)

Jewish.—*26th Veadar, 5657.*

Mohammedan.—*28th Shawall, 1314.*

Sun—*Rises* *5hr. 56min.*
Sets *6hr. 18min.*
High water—*Morning* *8hr. 32min.*
Afternoon *7hr. 50min.*
Low water—*Morning* *1hr. 51min.*
Afternoon *1hr. 31min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1848—Governor Sir John Davis left for England.
1856—Peace proclaimed between England and Russia.
1870—Great fire at Foochow; 500 houses destroyed.
1874—Abolition of the coolie trade at Macao.
1883—Inauguration of new British Consulate at Shanghai.
1890—Convention for the opening of Chungking to foreign trade signed at Peking.
1896—The Japanese flag hoisted over the new settlement at Soochow.

TO-MORROW,

Wednesday, 31st March, 1897.

Chinese—*29th of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*

Jewish—*27th Veadar, 5657.*

Mohammedan—*27th Shawall, 1314.*

Sun—*Rises* *5hr. 55min.*
Sets *6hr. 14min.*
Moon—*In Equator* *9hr. p.m.*
High water—*Morning* *8hr. 53min.*
Afternoon *8hr. 40min.*
Low water—*Morning* *2hr. 22min.*
Afternoon *2hr. 16min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1893—Destructive fire at Manila, many lives lost.
1896—Li Hung-chang refused to land at Hongkong.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY,—30th March.

9.15 p.m.—Hudson's Surprise Party at the City Hall.

TO-MORROW,—31st March.

American mail due.
List of contributions to the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., to be sent in before this date.
Dividend warrants of the China Mutual Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., ready.
11 a.m.—Outward French Mail closes.
Noon.—*Melbourne* leaves for Europe.
5.15 p.m.—Lecture on "The X Rays" by Mr. F. Browne at the City Hall.

THURSDAY,—1st April.

Australian mail due.
Noon.—*Doric* leaves for San Francisco, *vid* usual ports of call.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

FRIDAY,—2nd April.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Chapter.

SATURDAY,—3rd April.

English and Indian mails due.
Entries for Shanghai Spring Race Meeting close.
Oxford and Cambridge boat race.
Noon.—*Olympia* leaves for Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, *via* usual ports of call.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE :

American *(China)* to-morrow.
Australian *(Australia)* 1st prox.
English *(Minnahpore)* 3rd prox.
Indian *(Lightning)* 3rd prox.
German *(Bayern)* 7th prox.
French *(Sydney)* 13th prox.
American *(Peru)* 19th prox.

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THE P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Minnahpore*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday, and may be expected here about 4 p.m. on the 3rd prox.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Thales		steamer, from	Coast Ports
Loksang		,, ,,	Chefoo

Aggregating 1,798 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Sachsen		steamer, for	Europe
Wuotan		,, ,,	Kutchinotsu
Tatsang		,, ,,	Swatow
Kintuck		,, ,,	Singapore
Halloong		,, ,,	Coast Ports

Aggregating 9,557 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Kaipan		in	Kowloon Dock.
Kachidate Maru		,,	,, ,,
Hanoi		,,	,, ,,
Empress of China		,,	,, ,,
Carrier Dove		,,	,, ,,
Congo		,,	,, ,,
Chunsang		,,	,, ,,
Belgic		,,	Cosmopolitan ,,
Henry Fatling		,,	,, ,,

SWATOW.

Arrivals.		*from*	*Agents.*
Mar. 28 *Whampoa*		Chefoo	B. & S.
29 *Kaigan*		,,	,,
,, *Wingsang*	...	Hongkong	J. M. & Co.
,, *Haimun*		,,	,,
,, *Thales*		Amoy	,,
,, *Glenfalloch*	...	,,	L. Y. S. & Co.

Departures.		*for*	*Agents.*
Mar. 29 *Haimun*	...	Amoy & T'sui	J. M. & Co.
,, *Thales*		Hongkong	,,
,, *Wingsang*	..	Shanghai	,,
,, *Glenfalloch*		S'pore & P'ang	L.Y.S. & Co.

In Port—Whampoa, Kaigan.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD — 23rd Feb.—*Tosa Maru*. 26 February—*Anping, Pathan, Sophie Richmers, Tamsui*. 2nd March—*Gisela, Benedick, Orestes, Teucer, Canglas*. 5th March.—*Tatshun*. 9th March.—*Turbo*. 12th March.—*Mogul, Takow, Tancarville*. 16th March.—*Antenor, Yamaguchi Maru*. 19th March.—*Argyle, Chingwo, Socotra*. 23rd March.—*Benlomond, Carmarthenshire, Sydney, Tantalus, Adour, Pectan*. 26th March.—*Benledi*.

HOMEWARD — 19th March. — *Myrmidon, Priam, Port Adelaide, Thyra*. 23rd Mar.—*Night*. 26th March—*Caledonian, Prussian*.

ANOTHER POISONING CASE.

A CHINESE "DOCTOR" PRESCRIBED THE DOSE.

A woman living in the ground floor of 22, Queen's Road East, died on the morning of the 26th inst., it is alleged, from the effects of poison. At 2 o'clock that morning Dr. Stedman was called and found her in a very critical condition. He treated her, but she expired about an hour after his arrival at the house. Dr. Stedman reported the case to the police and said that it was his opinion that she died of poison. In consequence of this an inquest was held at the Magistracy on Saturday last, when Dr. Atkinson testified that it was possible that death was caused by poison. The inquest was then adjourned till Friday, the 2nd proximo, at 2.15 p.m. The contents of the stomach were also ordered to be analysed. The deceased was prescribed for by a Chinese "doctor" previous to her death.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION

(Before His Honour Mr. Justice Sercombe Smith.)

March 30th.

CHAN HUNG *v.* YAU-LEE STEAM LAUNCH CO.

This was a claim for $659.05 for wages and disbursements. Mr. Bowley appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Hastings for defendant.

The evidence was to the effect that plaintiff took a steam launch to Saigon to sell it, and when there he was arrested for a breach of the law in changing the vessel's name. The vessel was also seized. Plaintiff was fined $1623 for changing the vessel's name and flying the French flag. He released the vessel by giving a promissory note for $550 to a lawyer, and from an agent of the defendants he received $300, with which he paid the vessel's expenses, crew's wages, and also settled for the provisions of the crew and their passages back to Hongkong. The plaintiff received a further sum from the agent, Ty Kee, and with that he paid the fine imposed by the Supreme Court and gave *cumshaw* to the Harbour Master and another official.

The plaintiff in his evidence alleged further, that he was to have a bonus share of $800 in the vessel and that he was to get $300 if he brought her to Saigon in a month; for each day over that time he was to be entitled to $10 until arrival. Until such time as he could find a purchaser for her he was to have $60 a month.

Mr. Bowley asked for an adjournment as his client had to go to sea again in a few days.

His Lordship said that if a man once set the machinery of the court in motion he should be present when wanted. If he could not get away he should not bring his suit to the court.

The plaintiff agreed to relinquish the voyage and his Lordship told him he must be perfectly willing to abide the convenience of the court.

The case was then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a.m.

A claim by the defendants, who are also known as the Hop Kee shop, against the plaintiff in the above suit, for $444.48, money advanced, was admitted.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

AT a MEETING of the COMMITTEE appointed by HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR to make arrangements for Celebrating the completion of the 60TH YEAR of the Reign of HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, it was decided, in addition to arranging for other Celebrations, to endeavour to mark the auspicious occasion in HONGKONG by Establishing a PERMANENT MEMORIAL and to invite the Public to suggest what form such Memorial should take.

Any Member of the Community who may have any suggestion to offer is requested to forward it in writing to the Undersigned on or before TO-MORROW, the 31st instant.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [504

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 112.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the 5th to 15th April, 1897, (Sundays excepted), between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. daily, as follows :—

From Belchers' in Westerly and North-Westerly directions.

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By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1897. [559

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THE Steamship
"ASLOUN,"
Captain O. Rowsell, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th Instant, at 2.30 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [510

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BENLARIG,"
FROM LEITH, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ld., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st April will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3rd April, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1897. [525

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"KINTUCK"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 3rd April, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 4th April, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1897. [527

Consignees.

FROM SEATTLE, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship
"WAKANOURA MARU,"
having arrived from above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods ex-ship or from alongside. Any Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1897. [540

Hotels.

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.
ROTISSERIE.
MEALS A LA CARTE.
CHOPS, STEAKS, &c., &c., at any time between 7.30 A.M. and 11.30 P.M.
MONTHLY BOARDERS at Moderate Rates.
MADAR & FARMER,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, 3rd September 1896 [34

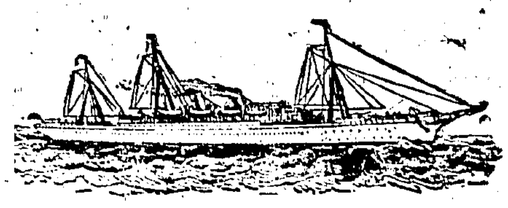
WINDSOR HOTEL,
HONGKONG.
THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.
Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant.
Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.
P. BOHM,
Proprietor & Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1895 [35

PEAK HOTEL.
OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.
THIS commodious and well appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet above sea-level, has just been thoroughly re-decorated, renovated and re-furnished, and a NEW WING has been built, which commands magnificent Views of the Harbour and mainland of China.
For further particulars, apply to
THE MANAGER,
New Victoria Hotel.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1896. [36

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.
THIS Establishment has always enjoyed a high class reputation for Liberality in Menu, Quality of Food and Perfection of Cuisine.
THIS REPUTATION WILL BE MAINTAINED.
Fresh Dairy Produce, FRUIT and other supplies are regularly imported from the United States, Canada and Australia. BEEF from Kobe and TURTLES from the Straits.
The WINES, SPIRITS and MALT LIQUORS, comprising all brands in general demand, are the Best shipped to the Far East.
In addition to the BAR, GRILL and DINING ROOMS, the upper floors are arranged so as to provide PRIVATE ROOMS suitable for DINNERS or SUPPERS, &c.
PICNIC and BATHING PARTIES supplied with light refreshments at a moment's notice.
ICE CREAM from 1 P.M. to 11 P.M.
COLD MEAT SUPPERS from 9 to 11.30 P.M.
THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.
FREDERICK BISHOP,
Manager.

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE

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SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 7th April.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 28th April.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 19th May.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.
Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.
SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.
CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia, *via* Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong *via* Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.
The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.
THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.
For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. *Pedder's Street.* [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.	
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Thursday, 22nd April, at Noon.	
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.	

THE Company's Steamship
"DORIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 1st April, 1897, at Noon.
Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.
Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.
Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*
All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 13th March 1897. [2

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.
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&c., &c., &c.
Sole Agents for
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and
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUER SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.
EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [39

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Saturday, 1st May, at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Thursday, 20th May, at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship
"CHINA"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *vid* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 13th April, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.
Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.
Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.
Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *vid* Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.
Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [2

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SANITARY SOFT SOAP. 

DISINFECTANT SOAPS.

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, 6th March 1897. [10

Mails.

"THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship
"ROSETTA,"
Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 8th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *Oceana* leaving that Port on the 1st May for London direct.
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *vid* Bombay.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [5

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.
HONGKONG TO LONDON $400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.
HONGKONG TO NEW YORK $350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.
HONGKONG TO TACOMA $225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	April 13.
Brasmar	3,601	Tuesday ...	May 11.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	May 25.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday ...	June 8.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	June 29.
Brasmar	3,601	Tuesday ...	July 27.

THE Steamship
"OLYMPIA,"
Captain J. Truebridge, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 13th April, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), *vid* KOBE and YOKOHAMA.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.
Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [6

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern	Tuesday...	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 27th day of April, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BAYERN," Captain B. Blanke, with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 24th April. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 26th April, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 26th April. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1897. [142

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